

The Examiner's attention is also directed to the following U.S.

Applications:

<u>Application No.</u>	<u>Filing Date</u>	<u>Group Art Unit</u>	<u>Inventor(s)</u>	<u>Docket No.</u>
09/611,147	July 6, 2000	2878	Noriyuki Kaifu, Akira Funakoshi, and Osamu Hamamoto.	3500.014611
09/916,269	July 30, 2001	2878	Noriyuki Kaifu, Kazuaki Tashiro, and Osamu Yuki.	03500.015635
09/916,264	July 30, 2001	2876	Noriyuki Kaifu, Kazuaki Tashiro, and Osamu Yuki.	03500.015636
09/422,792	October 22, 1999	2712	Chiori Mochizuki.	03560.002482

These documents were cited in prior parent Application No. 10/127,451 and might be deemed pertinent for the reasons given there. The Examiner is respectfully directed to the Patent and Trademark Office files for review of these documents. See MPEP § 609. U.S. Application No. 09/611,147 has since been issued as U.S. Patent No. 6,528,796 and is listed on Form PTO-1449. The Examiner is requested to indicate that this information has been considered by initialling the appropriate portion of the attached form PTO-1449.

CONCLUSION

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		4,810,881	03/1989	Berger, et al.	250	370.01	
		5,059,800	10/1991	Cueman, et al.	250	367	
		5,545,899	08/1996	Tran, et al.	250	370.09	
		5,629,524	05/1997	Stettner, et al.	250	370.09	
		5,825,032	10/1999	Nonaka, et al.	250	370.09	
		6,035,013	03/2000	Orava, et al.	378	37	
		6,204,506	03/2001	Akahori, et al.	250	370.09	
		6,333,963	12/2001	Kaifu, et al.	378	98.2	
		6,479,827	11/2002	Hamamoto, et al.	250	370	
		6,528,796	03/2003	Kaifu, et al.	250	370.11	
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